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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS POLICE MOVE TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

1. SANTIAGO PRESS REPORTS THAT DIRECCION DE INVESTIGACIONES, CHILE'S NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE, WILL BE MOVED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES FROM MIN INTERIOR TO MIN DEFENSE, PROBABLY ON SEPT 10. ACCORDING TO QUOTES FROM INVESTIGACIONES DIRECTOR GEN. (RETIRED) ERNESTO BAEZA, DECREE LAW EFFECTING TRANSFER IS IN HANDS OF GEN. PINOCHET FOR SIGNATURE.

2. BAEZA QUOTED IN ONE REPORT AS STATING INVESTIGACIONES WOULD BE UNDER MIN DEFENSE FOR ADMINISTRATION BUT "POLICE ASPECT" WILL CONTINUE UNDER "SUPERVISION" OF MIN INTERIOR. MOVE WILL INSURE "PROFESSIONALISM" OF CIVIL POLICE. THIS REPEATS ONE ASPECT OF RATIONALE EXPRESSED WHEN THE UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE, CARABINEROS, WERE TRANSFERRED LAST APRIL FROM MIN INTERIOR TO DEFENSE.

3. COMMENT: INCORPORATION OF INVESTIGACIONES INTO DEFENSE HAS BEEN RUMORED FOR SOME TIME. INTENTION OF GOC IS CLEARLY TO PLACE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF ALL SIGNIFICANT POLICE AUTHORITY IN MINISTRY HEADED EVEN IN "NORMAL" CHILEAN GOVTS BY MILITARY THEMSELVES. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, MILITARY WILL NOW CONTROL ALL POLICE IN CHILE WITH EXCEPTION ONLY OF THE PRISON GUARD

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